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John Tree

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City: Tokyo, Japan State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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A. Patent Application No.(s) 09/827,504

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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, I, John Tree hereinafter referred to as "ASSIGNOR", have invented certain new and useful improvements as described and set forth in the below-identified application for United States Letters Patent:

Title of Invention: USER INTERFACE FOR AN E-MARKER  
Application (Declaration/Oath) Execution Date: 03-20-01  
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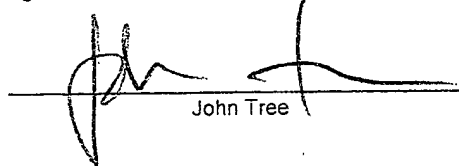
AND WHEREAS, Sony Corporation, a Japanese corporation with offices at 7-35 Kitashinagawa, 6-chome, Shinagawa-ku, Tokyo 141-0001, Japan and Sony Electronics Inc., a Delaware corporation with offices at 123 Tice Blvd., Woodcliff Lake, New Jersey 07675 (hereinafter referenced as ASSIGNEES) are desirous of acquiring all interest in, to and under said invention, said application disclosing the invention and in, to and under any Letters Patent or similar legal protection which may be granted therefor in the United States and in any and all foreign countries.

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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, Assignor has hereunto signed his/her name to this assignment on the date indicated below.

Date: 20 March 2001

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
John Tree

State of \_\_\_\_\_

County of \_\_\_\_\_

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personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_ personally known to me or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

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